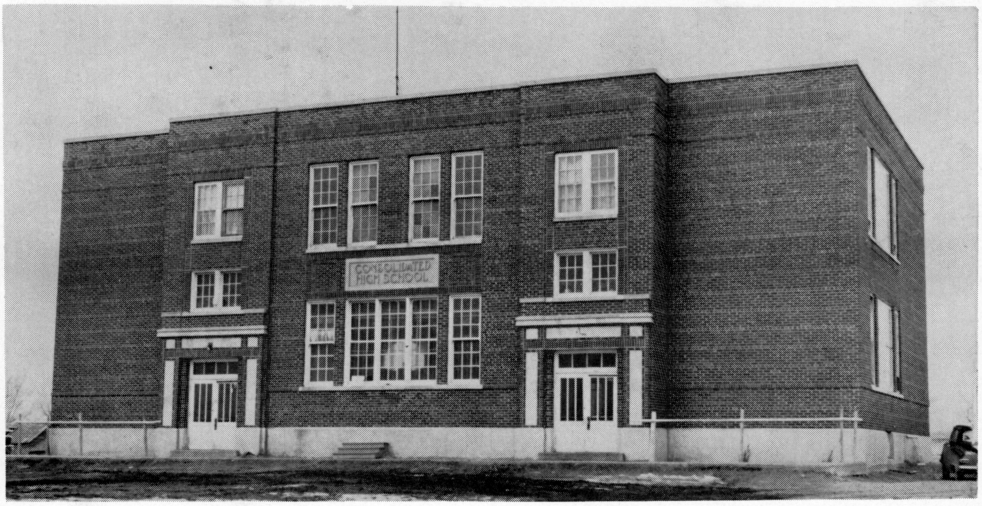
WOLF TRACKS

1957

TO THE STUDENTS OF



THORP HIGH SCHOOL

THE YEAR BOOK STAFF

presents

YOUR 1957 WOLFTRACKS

Dedication

With sincere thanks for all that they have done for us, we the annual staff for the 1957 "Wolf Tracks" dedicate this edition to our superintendent and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Burdette V. Clifford.

In their three years here they have contributed much to the success of the school and help to all of the students and school functions. Their willingness to help and never faltering determination has made them greatly admired by all connected with them.

Our many thanks are extended to them for all of their help and courteous service.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is not easy to put into words what a school is and what it stands for, but it is through such publications as your 1957 Wolf Tracks that such a purpose is accomplished.

With a comparably small number of students in your school, you are to be commended for the planning and preparation of a yearbook of this caliber. The completed publication is one more evidence of the cooperation between students and faculty at Thorp.

On behalf of the board of education I would like to extend a sincere congratulations to the graduating seniors. Pictured here are the faculty as you see them; your friends as you know them; sports as you watch them; and activities as you participate in them. These are wonderful memories that you will carry with you always.

Theo Warkenthien
President

Not pictured: Dale Tupper

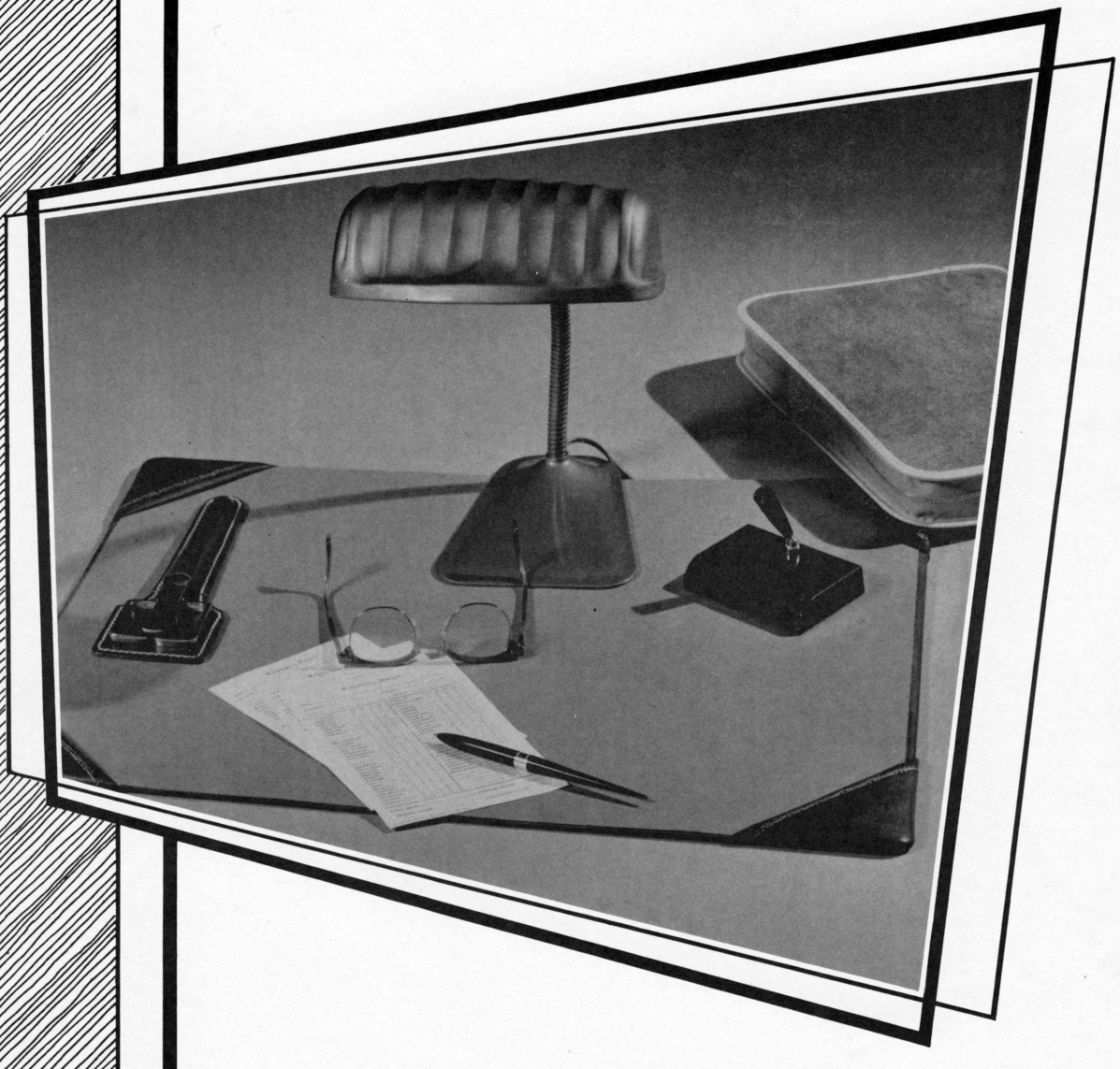
George Folkestad

William Tarbox

Leonard Paulson

Walt Bargmann
Treasurer

Lyle Moment
Clerk



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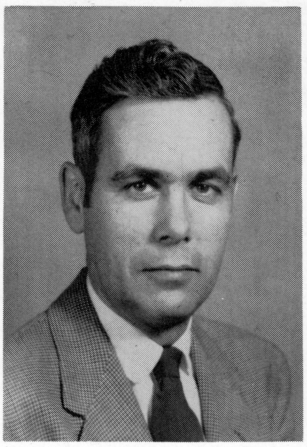


SUPT. BURDETTE CLIFFORD
Math, Science & Coach

Superintendent's Message

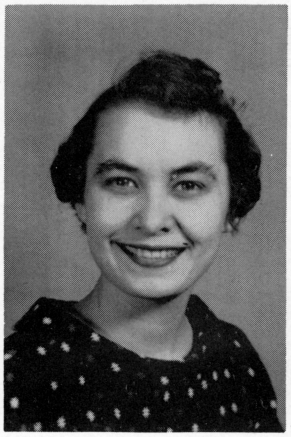
To have an education, a student must put forth an effort. If you put nothing into your work, nothing is exactly what you get out of it. Many students do not understand this. We feel that most of our students do and therefore will make use of every opportunity to gain the fundamentals which will enable them to take their places in society as useful, worthwhile, productive citizens; a credit to themselves, their home and school.

The senior class of '57 proudly takes its place in line with the long list of groups which have received their diplomas from this institution.

FACULTY

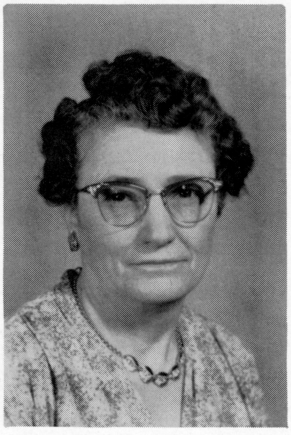
MRS. JOHN RASMUSSEN
English

MRS. MARY PARKER
Social Studies



MRS. BURDETTE CLIFFORD
Music

MRS. GEORGE SELLERS
Upper Grades



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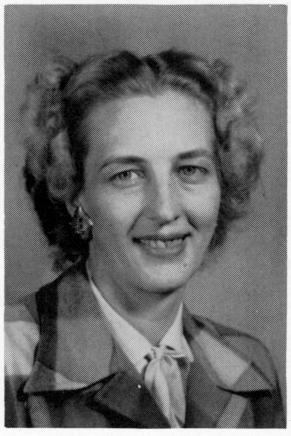
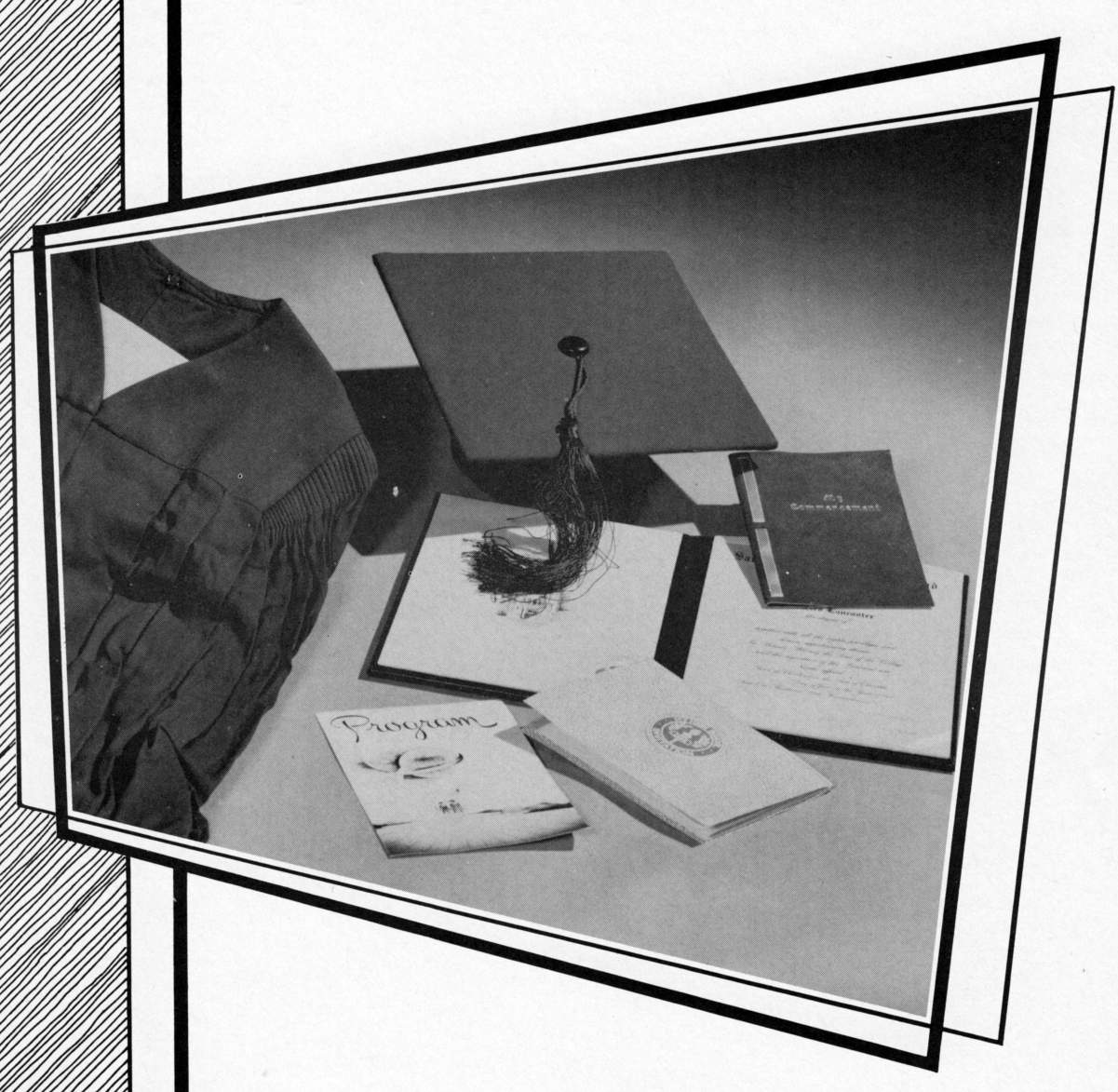
Intermediate Room



MRS. KENNETH ASHER
Primary



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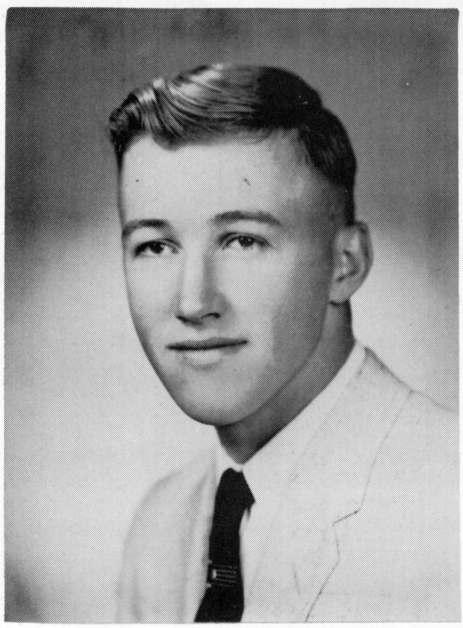
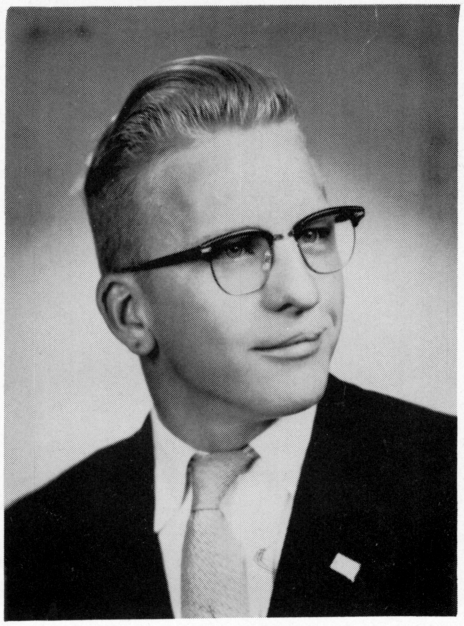
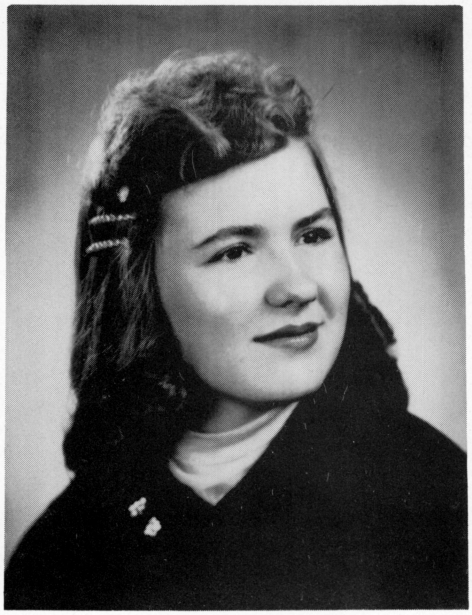


GERALD EUGENE BARENKLAU - Sr. Play 3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Track 3,4; Carnival king 4; King candidate 2; Class officer 1,2,3,4; Hi-Lites staff 3,4; One-act play 2,3;

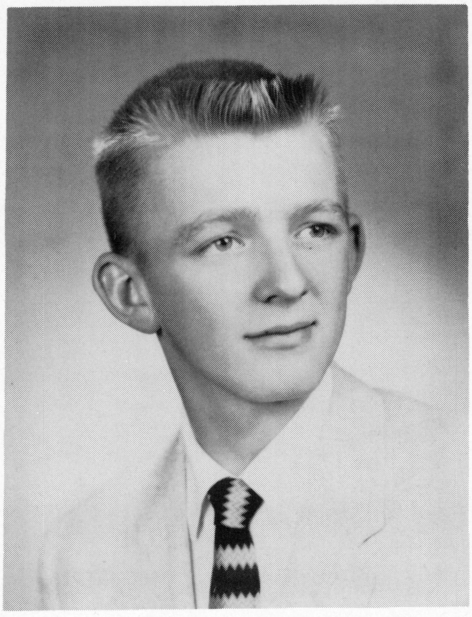


GLEN ALLEN FOLKESTAD - Sr. Play 1, 3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Track 3,4; King candidate 3; Class officer 1,2, 3,4; One-act play 2,3; Boys' State 3.

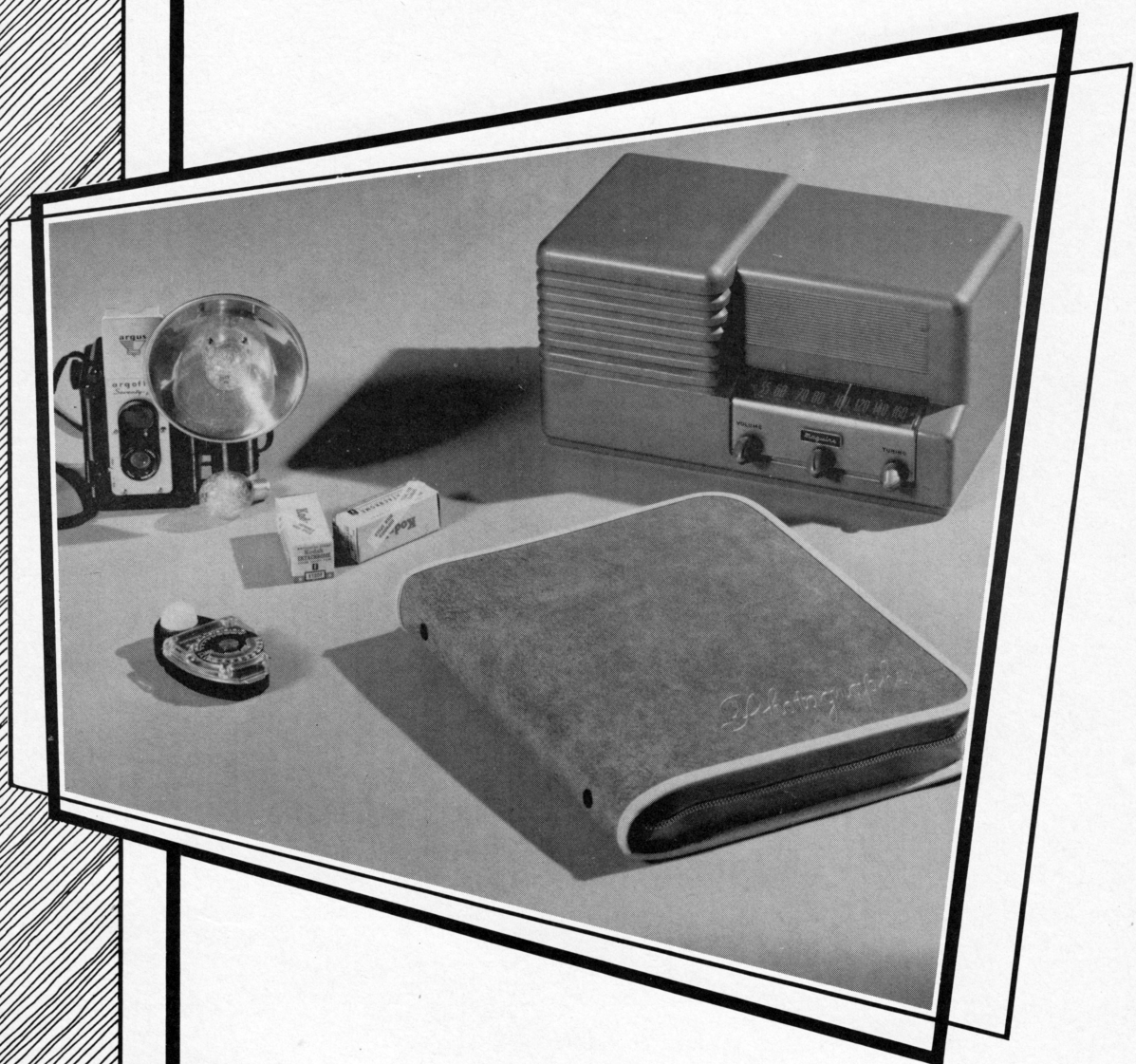
SENIORS



JOAN LAVONNE BJERKE - Transfer - Lily-4; Glee Club; DAR; GAA; Declam; Basketball; Sr. Play; Operetta; Co-Sweetheart; Class-officer; Carnival Queen; Hi-Lites.

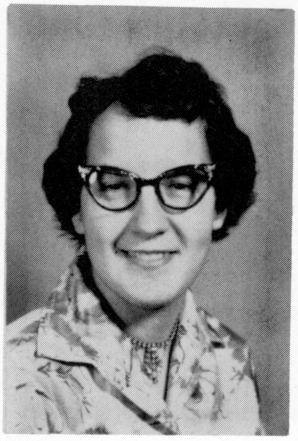


CLIFFORD LEROY BJERKE - Transfer - Lily-4; Glee Club; Hi-Lites; Track; Basketball; Sr. Play; Operetta.



juniors

JUNIOR CLASS

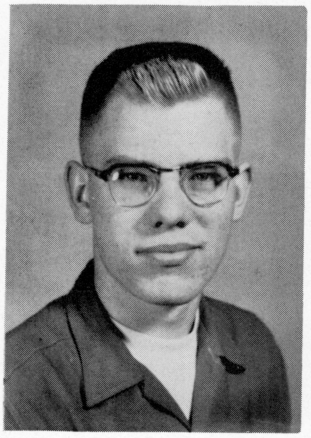


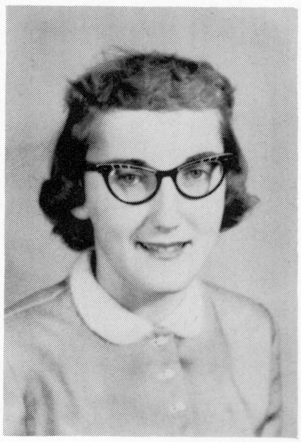
SHARON TUMBLESON

Music; G.A.A.; Hi-Lites Staff - (Assistant Editor); Annual Staff Editor; Jr. Sr. Play; One Act Plays; Operetta; Queen Candidate.

DENNIS HUBBARD
Secretary-Treasurer

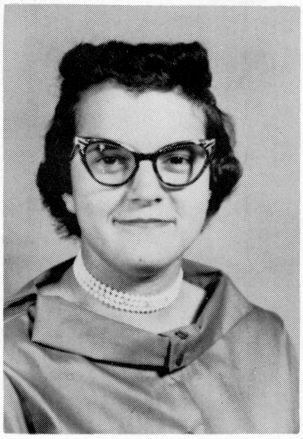
Track; Basketball; Hi-Lites Staff; Jr. Sr. Play; Annual Staff.





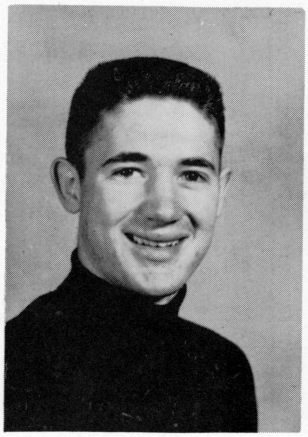
JEAN WARKENTHIEN
President

Declamation; G.A.A.; Music; All State Chorus; Hi-Lites Staff; Annual Staff-Editor; Cheerleader; Queen Candidate; Jr. Sr. Play; One Act Plays; Operetta; Librarian; School Sweetheart.



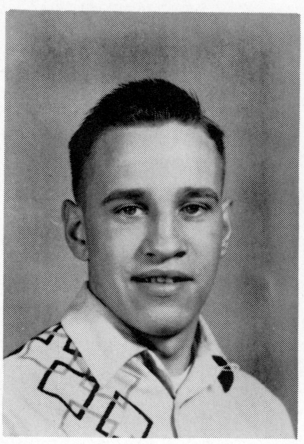
BETTY LOU TUMBLESON

Queen Candidate; Jr. Sr. Play; Hi-Lites Staff; G.A.A.; Music; School Sweetheart '55 -'56; Operetta; One Act Plays; Cheerleader.



CARL WHETSEL
Vice President

Transfer from Clark; Music; Track; Jr. Sr. Play; Basketball; Hi-Lites Staff; Annual Staff.

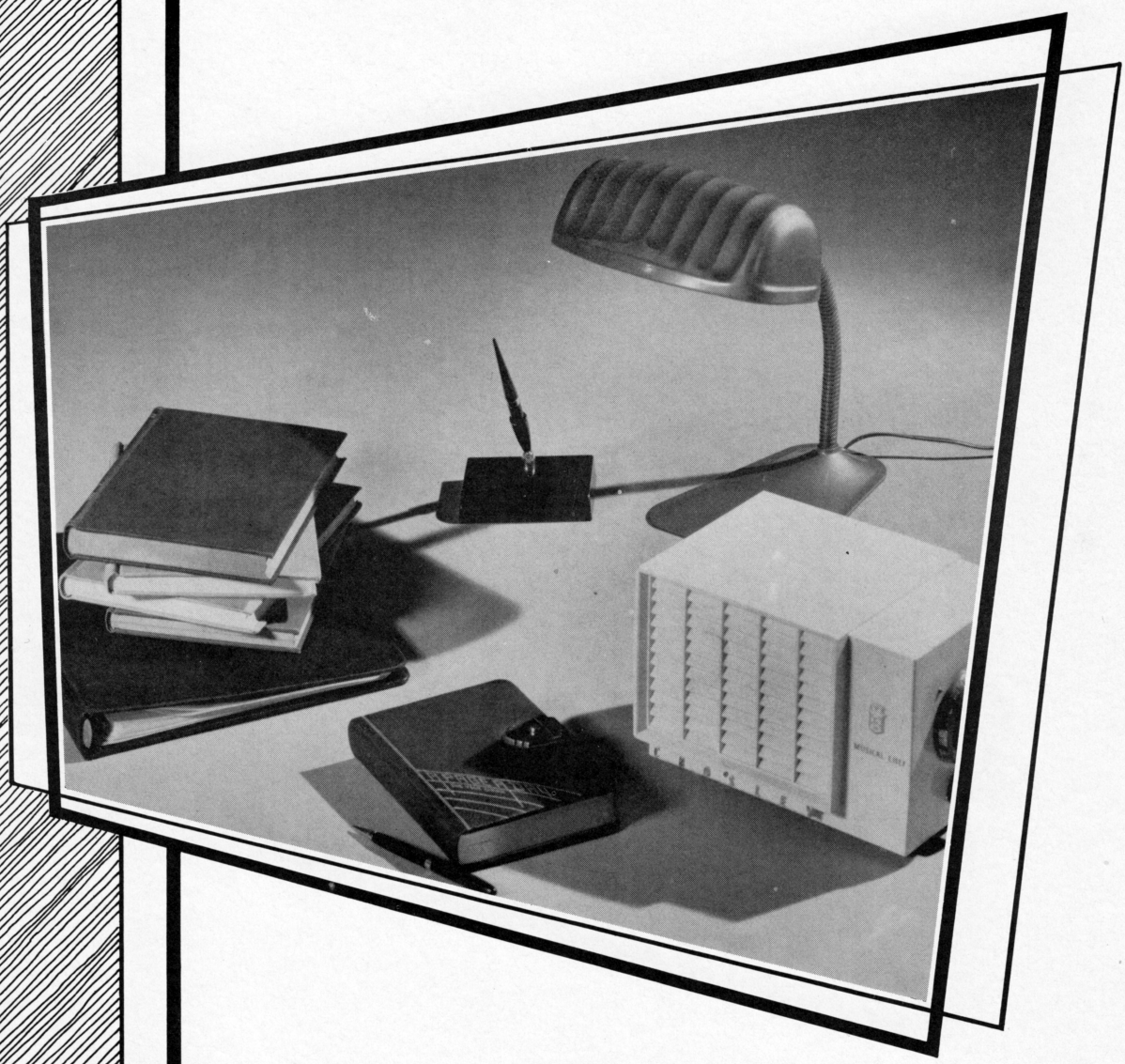


DON BAILEY

Track; Basketball; Hi-Lites Staff; Jr. Sr. Play; One Act Plays; Annual Staff.

ROXANNA BJERKE

Girls State; Music; G.A.A.; Hi-Lites Staff; One Act Plays; Jr. Sr. Play.



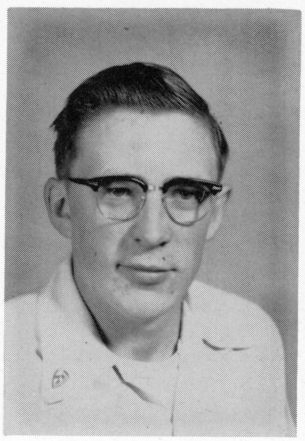
sophomores

SOPHOMORE CLASS

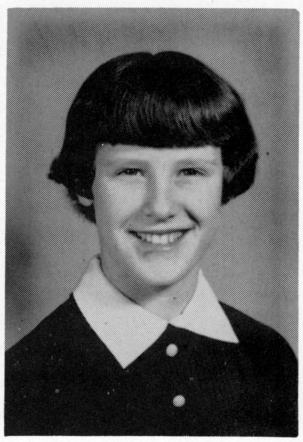
KAREN MILLER
PRESIDENT

The most studious bunch in school I must say,
They work and worry every day.
First on the list is a girl called Jane,
She tends to her work but likes to "raise-cane"
Next we have Terry who is known for her chuckle,
She "shines" in her work like a silver buckle.
Elaine is the one who is known as "Rass".
When tests are taken she's sure to pass.
Sharon, the girls' athletic star.
Is usually found in Jimmy's car.
Karen is a natural-born flirt,
When she gets mad she can really throw dirt.
Always together were Phyllis and Ruth,
They'd make one desk look like a booth,
Wayne could always make you laugh,
Sometimes he'd split you right in half.
Last but not least is the tall boy Jim,
Whose dreams of fame are not so slim.
This should all the Sophomores vow.
"We'll never give up, we're half way now".

ELAINE RASMUSSEN

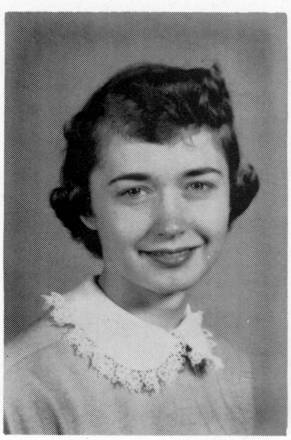


JAMES MITCHELL

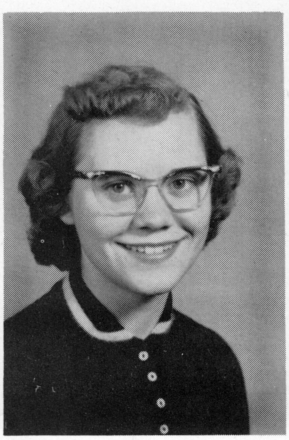


JANE DUNLAVY

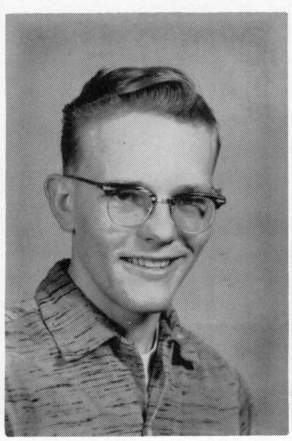
Not pictured; PHYLLIS BJERKE



RUTH ANN WARKENTHIEN

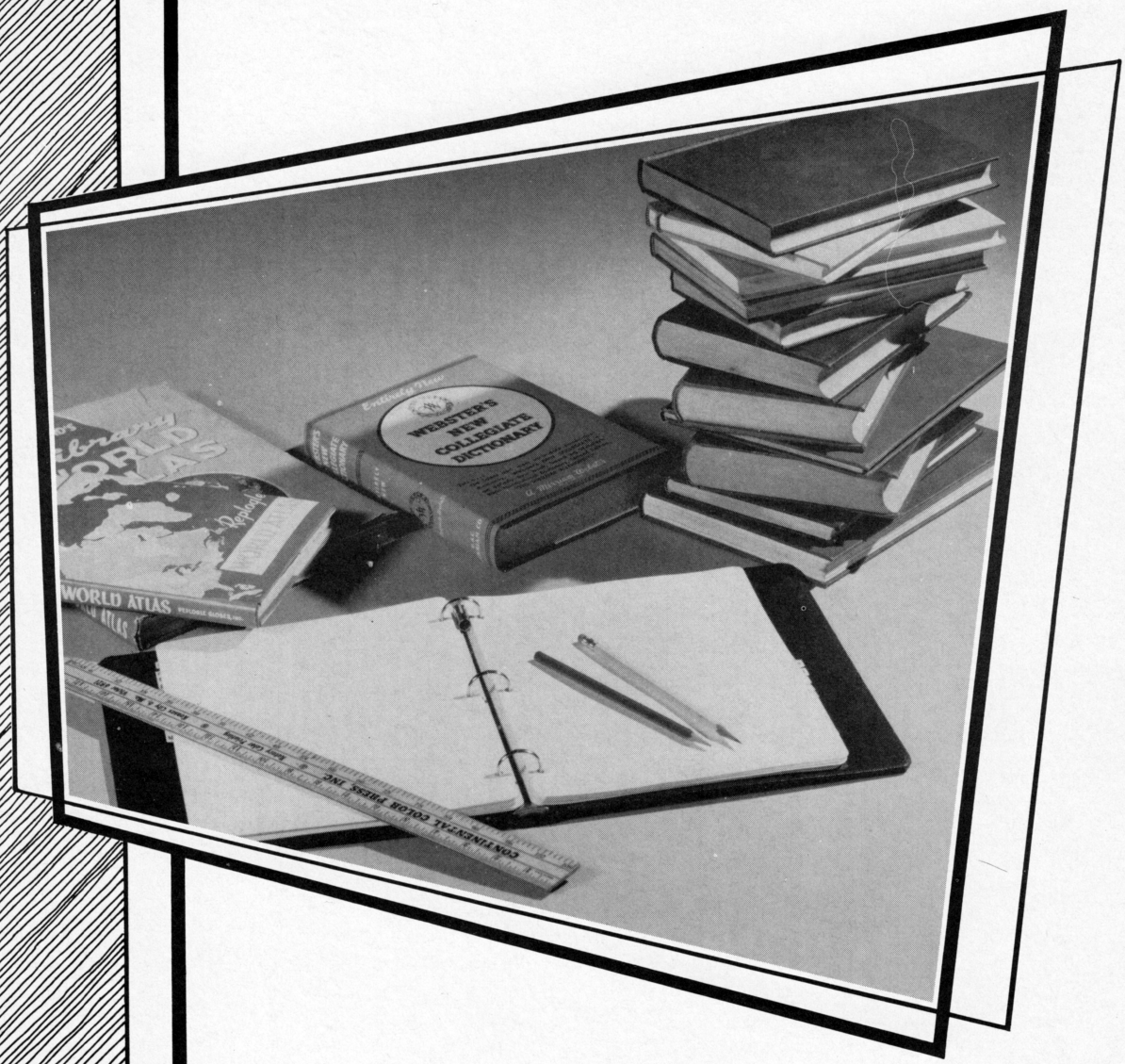


TERRY BARTON



WAYNE ECKHOFF

SHARON FLATTEN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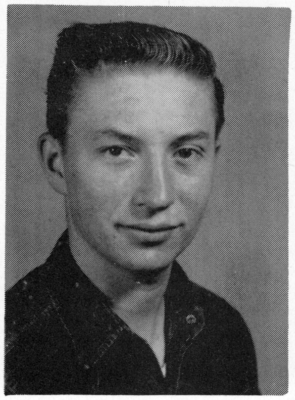
freshmen

FRESHMEN CLASS

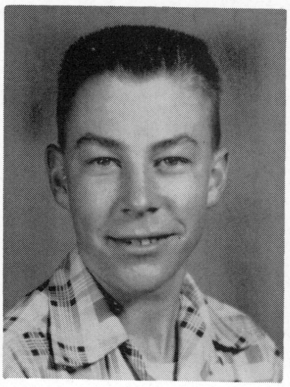


As one of the largest freshman classes to enter Thorp, this group started out with eleven, but David Wilkerson moved to Oregon at the end of the first semester.

This is a very active class. All the girls took part in music and athletics, and with the exception of Dick boys all took part in music.

In basketball Bill was on the "A" squad, and Roger E. was on the "B" squad.

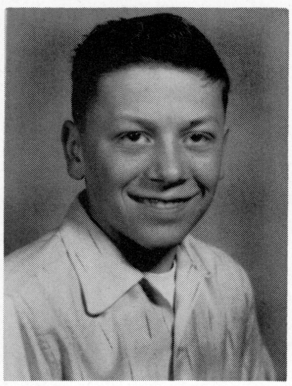
WILLIAM DESLAURIERS
PRESIDENT



RICHARD WELLS

ALICE BJERKE

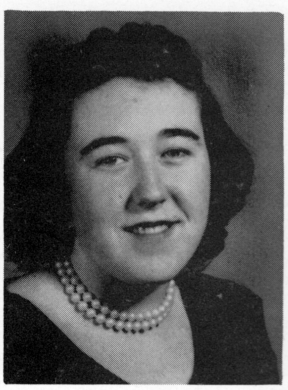
SHARON AKER

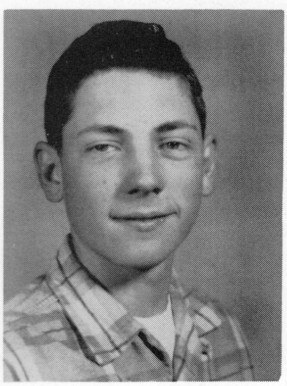


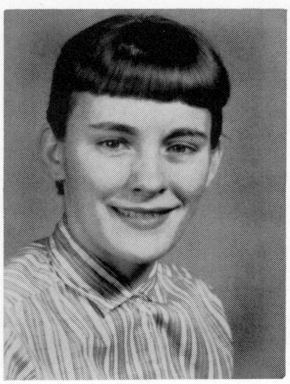
KARON CALDWELL

JEANETTE PETERSON

ROGER IMME



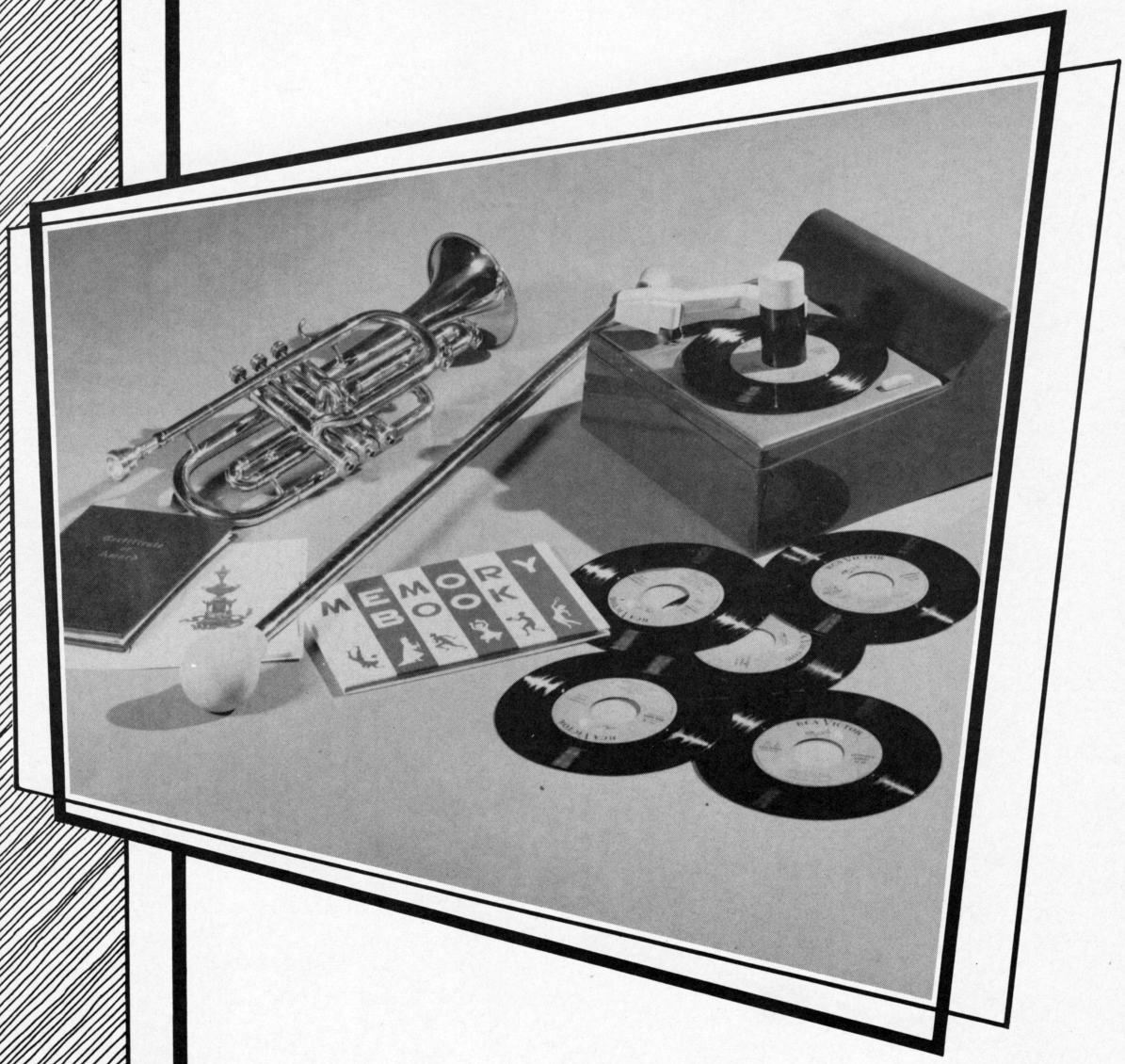




EILEEN TARBOX

ROGER EGGENA

BECKY BJERKE



activities

BOYS' AND GIRLS' GLEE CLUB

Music plays an important role in our life at Thorp Hi. The musical groups entertained at all school programs and served as guest entertainers at various places on several occasions. This was our second year of participating in the All-State Chorus. We presented our first operetta; third Christmas contata; second spring concert and it was our first year of entering all possible phases of the Regional Contest in Aberdeen. At this the Mixed Chorus won a superior; the mixed and girls' ensembles; Ruth Ann and Sonny received an excellent; and the other entries, a good rating.

The music department raised enough funds to purchase the new choir robes.

HARMONETTES

Phyllis, Ruth Ann, Elaine, Jeanette, Joan Karon C., Karen M., Jean, Sharon F.

SEXTET

Soprano...Sharon, Jean

Tenor...Sonny, Jim

Alto....Ruth Ann, Joan

CHOSEN FOR ALL STATE CHORUS

which was held in Mitchell, S.Dak., on November 9 -10 were the following five: Sharon F., Jean W., Sonny B., Ruth Ann, and Joan Bjerke. Phyllis replaced Joan who was ill. The 700 voice choir was directed by Mr. Weston Noble of Luther College, Decorah, Iowa.

SOLO FINALISTS

Joan Bjerke
soprano
"Calm As The Night"

Jean W.
mezzo-soprano
"The Twenty Third Psalm"

Ruth Ann W.
alto
"I Heard A Forest Pray"

Sonny Bjerke
tenor
"The Holy City"

Jim Mitchell
baritone
"Loves Old Sweet Song"

Wayne Eckhoff
bass
"Bless This House"

DECLAMATION

Jean and Ruth Ann Warkenthien-Dramatics
Joan Bjerke, Elaine Rasmussen-Humorous
Sharon Flatten-Poetry

Advisor: Mrs. Rasmussen

THORP HI-LITE STAFF

CARNIVAL ATTENDANTS

One of the most successful carnivals at Thorp was experienced last fall on the 27th day of September in our newly decorated gymnasium. After a short program, the people enjoyed bingo or trying their skill at one of the cleverly trimmed booths.

At 10:30 o'clock, the most beautiful and thrilling event of the evening took place -- the crowning of the new Royalty of Thorp High of 1956-57. Marching up a "flower--strewn" path, Gerald and Joan were ushered onto the stage by Jean Warkenthein and Betty Tumbleson, and were crowned King and Queen by Miss Donna Tupper, Queen of 1955-56.

The other candidates were as follows: Freshmen; Alice Bjerke and Bill DesLauriers; Sophomores, Karen Miller and Wayne Eckhoff; Juniors; Sharon Tumbleson and Carl Whetsel; Seniors, Joan Bjerke and Gerald Barenklau. The seniors won by selling the greatest number of tickets.

Drawings for the door and class prizes were held before the coronation. Total profits of this carnival were $515.40.

OUR COOK
MRS. BJERKE

CARNIVAL

Gerald Barenklau

KING and QUEEN

Joan Bjerke

THORP

Joan Bjerke

Jean Warkenthien

SWEET HEARTS

athletics

"A" BASKETBALL TEAM

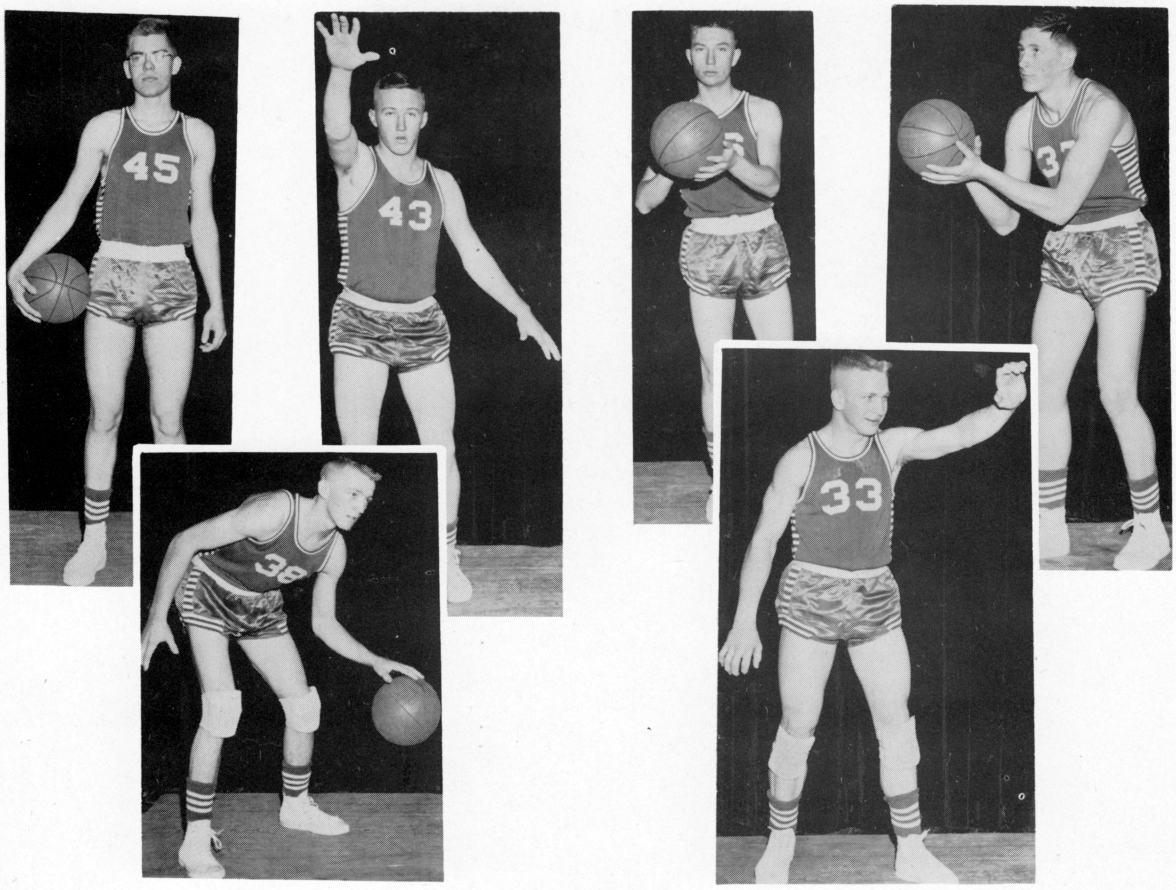
SEASONS RECORD

HOME	OPPONENTS	
63	Wallace	54
51	Bradley	55
46	Florence	47
48	Henry	46
44	Webster "B"	58
51	Vienna	73
44	Raymond	37
50	Garden City	37
47	Wallace	36
50	Bradley	46
49	Florence	46
51	Henry	52
44	Logan	39
41	Webster "B"	57
41	Vienna	63
79	Raymond	47
85	Garden City	54
	CONDE INVITATIONAL	
36	Conde	64
61	Brentford	46
	CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT	
33	Wallace	35
51	Garden City	44
57	Henry	46
	DISTRICT TOURNAMENT	
49	Wallace	32
49	Waubay	54
65	Bradley	57

BOYS' SEASON OUTLINE

Highest Spot ----- District Tournament
Lowest Spot ----------Loss To Henry
Best Opponent ---------- Vienna
Best Referee ---------- Duane Bymers
Best Played Game ------ Against Waubay
Best Rebounder -------- Jim and Gerald
Best Defensive Player --------- Gerald
Most Bitter Defeat ----- Loss to Henry
Most Thrilling Game -- Bradley (there)
Best Shot ---------- Dennis and Bill
Highest Scorer ---------- Sonny
Most Improved ---------- Carl
Best Team Player ---------- Glen
Best Free Thrower ---------- Sonny
Best Passer ---------- Glen
Captains ---------- Senior Boys

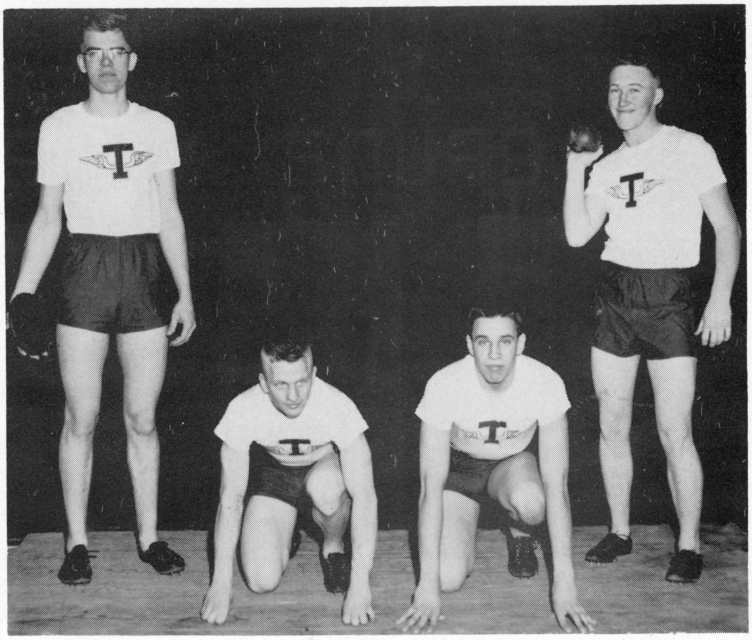
VARSITY SQUAD



TRACK LETTERMEN

Pictured are last years lettermen, from left to right are; Dennis, Glen, Don, and Gerald.

At last year's conference track meet the accomplishments of the boys were as follows; Dennis-1st in the discus throw; Don-3rd in the half-mile run; Don, Dennis, Gerald, and Glen won 2nd in the 880 relay race.



GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM

Left to right:
Jean, Terry,
Eileem, Sharon F.,
Roxie, Betty,
Coach-Mrs.Clifford
Sharon T.,Becky,
Ruth Ann, Jane,
Joan, Elaine.

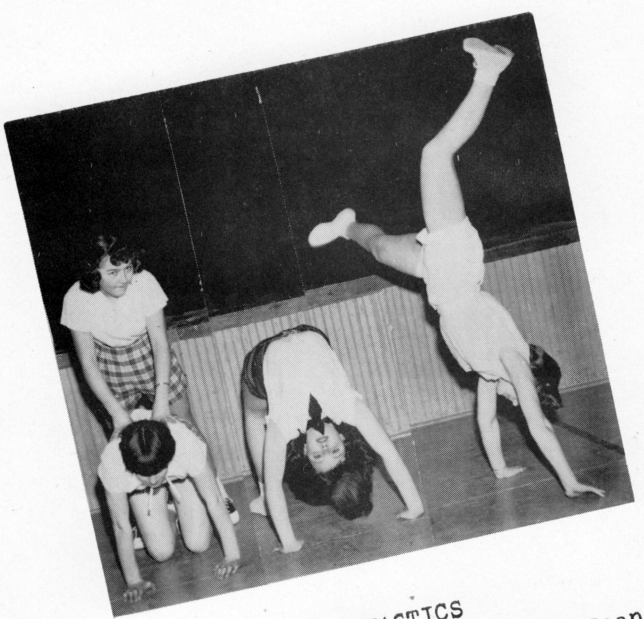
During the season, the girls' kittenball and basketball squads won over 50 percent of their contests. In kittenball they defeated Henry twice and tied one each with Wallace. They battled Wallace and Logan in some basketball games.

Bottom picture;
Left to right: Sharon F.,
Betty Lou, Mascot Joan C.,
Joan and Jean.

CHEERLEADERS

GIRLS' PHYSICAL EDUCATION

BACK: Jane, Roxie, Sharon T., Sharon A., Betty, Becky, Karen M.
MIDDLE: Alice, Phyllis, Eileen, Ruth, Karon C., Terry, A.Clifford
FRONT: Elaine, Joan, Sharon F., Jeanette and Jean



GYMNASTICS

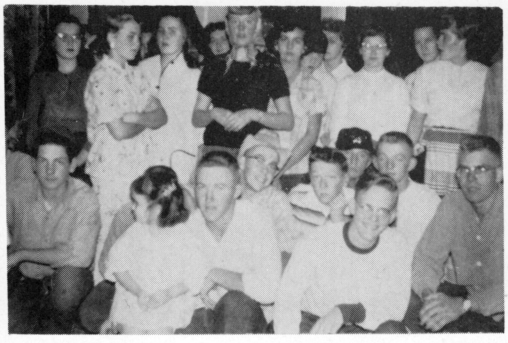
L.-R. - Alice, Jane, Karon C. Jean

ACTIVITIES

KITTENBALL
BASKETBALL
HIKING
PARTIES
TABLE TENNIS
BADMINTON
VOLLEY BALL

SCHOOL CALENDAR

"Roxie"



"Flatten a Rass"

September

School opened ------- 4

Initiation ---------- 12

Carnival ----------- 27

October

Girls First Kittenball Game ---------- 2

Magazine Drive ------ 5

Election of Cheerleaders --------- 18

BB Practice Began --- 24

Visitors Night School 26

"Come As You Are Party" -------- 29

Freshmen Return Party 22

November

S D E A ---------- 1-3

District Declam --- 8

All-State Chorus -- 9-10

Boys and Girls First Basketball Game --- 16

Thanksgiving Vacation

TV Variety Program -- 29

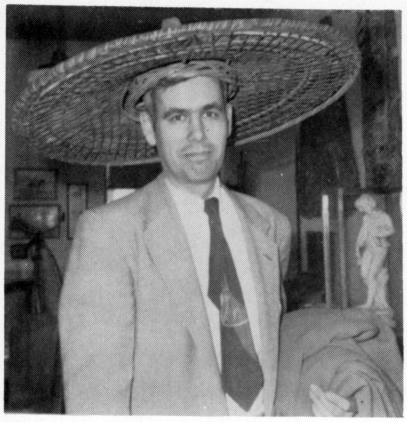
December

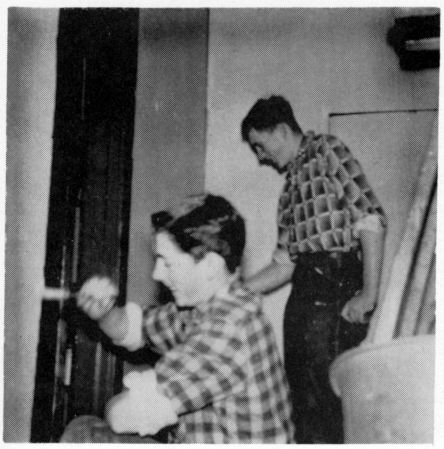
Christmas Pageant --- 14

Chorus went Carolling 17

Chorus heard "Messiah" 19

Christmas Vacation





"Jeanie"

Jan.

Conde Invitational - 2

Farewell for David Wilkerson ------ 4

Community Variety Program ------- 28

Little "B" Tournament 30-1

Feb.

Valentine Tea, Pancake Supper & Sweetheart-Party 14

District Tournament 20-22

Mar.

Community Basket Soc. 4

Ed. Trip to Pierre -- 8

Senior All-Star Game - 12

Magazine Banquet ---- 13

New Chorus Robes Arrived ----- 19

Gov. Day in Clark --- 20

Athletic Banquet ---- 26

Music Concert ------- 29

April

Reg. Music Contest - 4-5

Community Card Parties ------- 8 & 15

Easter Vacation

School Talent Show -- 22

Jr.-Sr. Banquet ----- 27

Jr.-Sr. Class Play -- 30

May

Senior Skip Day ----- 5

Typing Contest ------ 7

Region Track Meet --- 11

Baccalaureate Services 12

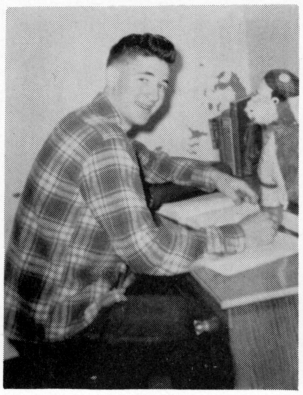
Conference Track Meet 14

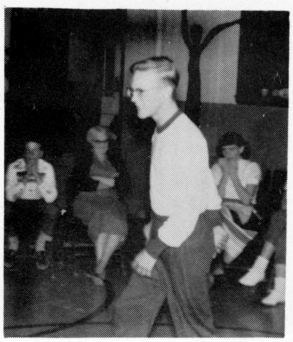
Senior Class and Award Night -------- 16

Semester Exams ------ 16-18

Graduation ---------- 20

School Picnic ------- 21





UPPER GRADE ROOM

Mrs. Sellers
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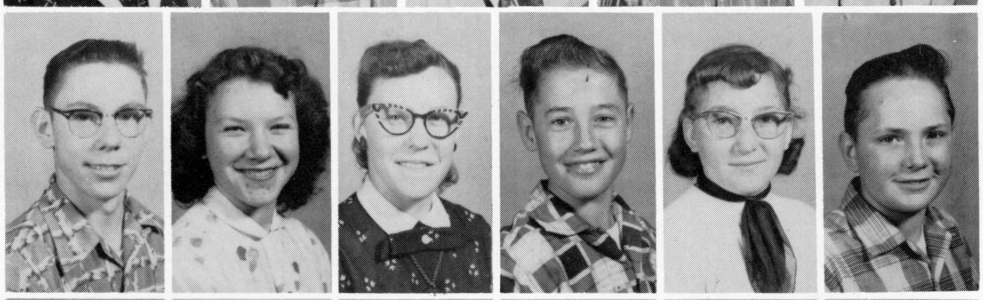
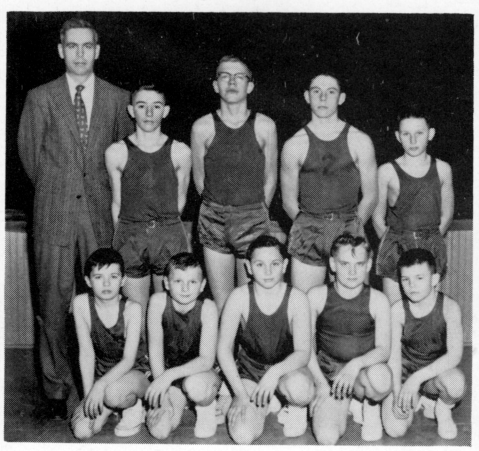
Viola Mitchell
Dale Jennings
Judith Graves



Kirk Tupper
Barbara Tarbox
Judy Tarbox
Donald Schroeder
Barbara Babbler
Larry Bailey

Darlene Folkestad
Perry Peterson
Margie Schroeder
Roger Tarbox
Geraldine Tarbox
Michael Steffens



Those winning prizes for the most clever Holloween masks were: Vernon Mitchell, Karen Waxdahl, James Paulson, Gayle Waxdahl, Larry Bailey and Darlene Folkestad.

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS

Our grade cagers were truly champs this year, as they defeated six teams in one week, and brought home two championship trophies.

INTERMEDIATE ROOM

Back row, left to right: Steven Jennings, LeRoy Tarbox, Vernon Mitchell, Michael Bailey, Beverly Mitchell, Scott Bailey, Glen Cornell, Mrs. Hendrichson, Kenneth Luvaas, Virgil Whetsel, Front row: Dianne Blashill, Donna Understock, Linda Graves, Kay Moment, Argil Whetsel, and Karen Waxdahl.

PRIMARY ROOM

Back row: left to right: Allen Bjerke, James Paulson, James Moment, Glen Luvaas, Mrs. Ascher, Roy Stromsness, Roger Murray, Kenneth Tarbox, Peter Cornell. FRONT ROW: Stacy Steffens, Gayle Waxdahl, Nancy Wilson, Marjorie Wilson, Nancy Tarbox, Julie Moment and Arlo Blashill.

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